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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT
DIVISION FOUR

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

JOHN HEDDERMAN,

Defendant and Appellant.

A140501

(San Mateo County
Super. Ct. No. SC077039)

Defendant John Hedderman timely appealed after he was sentenced to five years, eight months following his plea of no contest to charges arising out of the unauthorized practice of law and other crimes. His counsel has asked this court for an independent review of the record to determine whether there are any arguable issues. (*People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436.) We find no arguable issues and affirm.

Hedderman, an attorney whose law license was suspended in 2002, was charged by felony information with 13 counts related to the unauthorized practice of law, identity theft, and burglary. On February 27, 2013, he pleaded no contest pursuant to a plea agreement to five of those counts: three counts of unauthorized practice of law by a person involuntarily enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6126, subd. (b)—counts 1, 9, 12), one count of receiving property under an assumed character (Pen. Code, § 530—count 3), and one count of second-degree burglary (*id.* § 460, subd. (b)—count 4). The remaining counts were dismissed under the plea agreement.

The trial court sentenced Hedderman under Penal Code section 1170, subdivision (h) to the upper term of three years on the unauthorized-practice count, with four consecutive eight-month terms on the remaining counts, for a total of five years and eight months, the maximum contemplated under his plea agreement. Two years and eight months were to be served in county jail, with the remaining three years to be spent supervised by the probation department.

As this appeal follows a plea of no contest, our review is limited to Hedderman's sentence or other matters occurring after his plea that do not affect its validity. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.304(b).) No error appears in the decision to sentence Hedderman under Penal Code section 1170, subdivision (h) or in the term imposed.

There are no meritorious issues to be argued on appeal. The order of commitment to county jail is affirmed.

Humes, J.

We concur:

Reardon, Acting P.J.

Rivera, J.